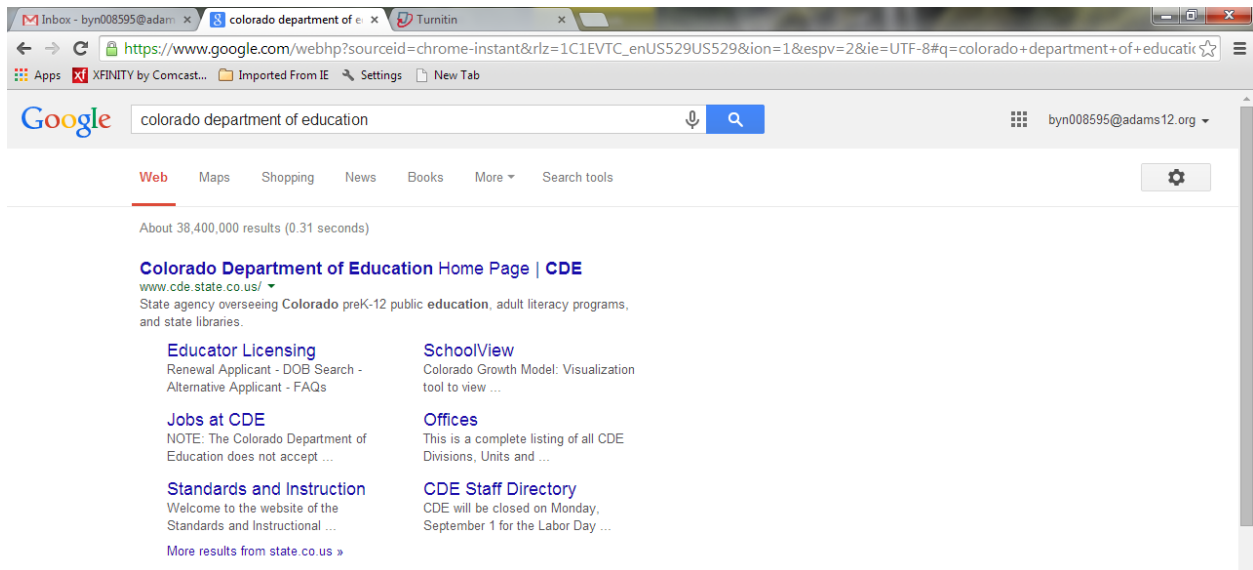
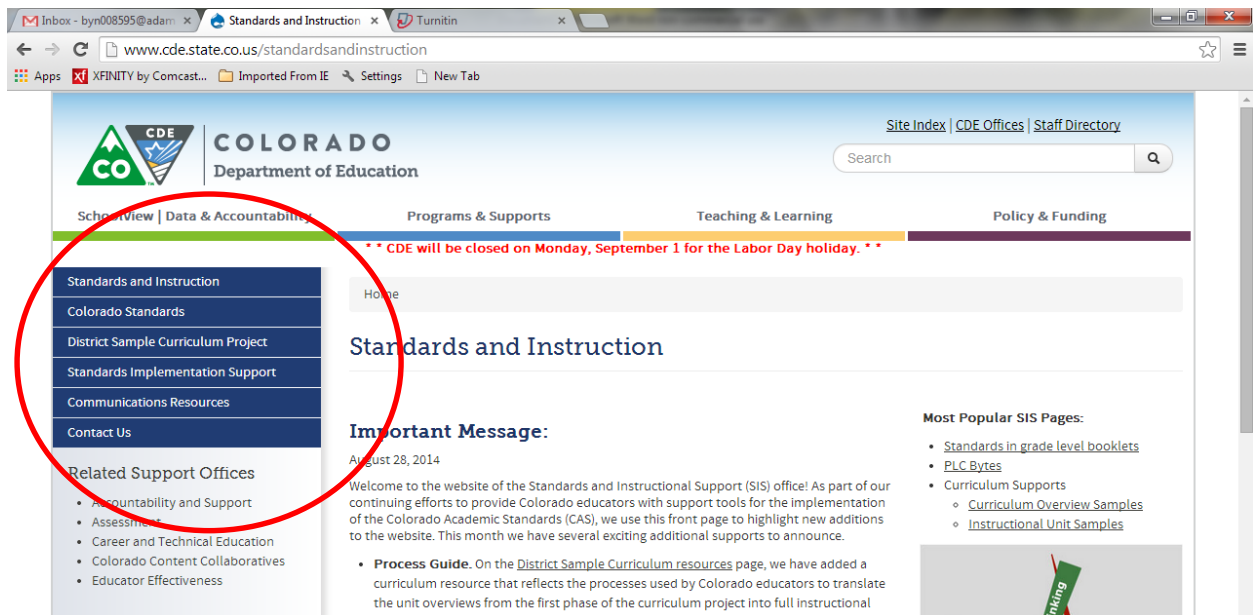


Accessing the Colorado Academic Standards

1. Go to the CDE webpage.



2. Use the links on the left.



3. Make life easy...find your discipline.

The screenshot shows the Colorado Department of Education website. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Standards and Instruction' and 'Colorado Standards' highlighted. A red arrow points to 'Colorado Standards'. The main content area is titled 'Colorado Standards' and lists ten content areas: Colorado Arts, Music, Visual Arts, Theatre, Dance, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Reading, Writing, and Communicating, Science, Social Studies, and World Languages. A red circle highlights this list. A banner at the top states: 'CDE will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday.'

4. Click State Standards on the left. NOTE: This is an example for English.

The screenshot shows the Colorado Department of Education website for the 'Reading, Writing, and Communicating' section. The left sidebar contains a menu with 'Reading, Writing, and Communicating' highlighted. A red arrow points to this menu item. The main content area is titled 'Reading, Writing, and Communicating' and includes sections for 'Important Announcements', 'Instructional Unit Samples', 'Fast Facts: Reading, Writing, and Communicating', and 'PLC Bytes'. There are two images: one of a young girl reading a book and another of a teacher and student working together.

5. Search by grade level.

The screenshot shows a web browser with multiple tabs open, including 'Inbox', 'Colorado Standards | CDE', 'State Standards - Reading', and 'Turnitin'. The address bar shows the URL www.cde.state.co.us/coreadingwriting/statestandards. The page has a navigation bar with four main sections: 'SchoolView | Data & Accountability', 'Programs & Supports', 'Teaching & Learning', and 'Policy & Funding'. A red banner at the top of the 'Programs & Supports' section reads: '* * CDE will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday. * *'. The left sidebar contains a menu with categories like 'Content Areas Home', 'The Arts', 'Comprehensive Health and Physical Education', 'Mathematics', 'Personal Financial Literacy', 'Reading, Writing, and Communicating', 'State Standards', 'Science', 'STEM', 'Social Studies', 'World Languages', 'Colorado English Language Proficiency', 'Extended Evidence Outcomes', 'Contact Us', and 'Related Support Offices'. The main content area is titled 'State Standards - Reading, Writing, and Communicating' and includes a quote from Francis Bacon and a quote from George Orwell. Below the quotes, there is a section titled 'Reading, Writing, and Communicating Standards:' with links to 'Preschool - High School PDF Version', 'Preschool - High School Microsoft Word Version', and 'Online sortable standards by content, grade level and PGC'. To the right of this section is a box titled 'Understanding the Colorado Academic Standards in Reading, Writing, and Communicating:' with links to 'Overview of Changes', 'Prepared Graduate Competencies (PGC)', 'Organizational Topics in Reading, Writing, and Communicating', '21st Century Skills in Reading, Writing, and Communicating', and 'Grade Level Expectations in Reading, Writing, and Communicating'. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled 'Curriculum Design Tools:' with links to 'Vertical Progressions', 'Content Connections (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)', and 'Colorado's District Sample Curriculum Project'. A red circle highlights the 'Grade level specific Reading, Writing, and Communicating standards:' section, which lists links for '12th Grade (Word or PDF)' and '11th Grade (Word or PDF)'.

Home / Reading, Writing, and Communicating

State Standards - Reading, Writing, and Communicating

"Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider. Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested...."
--Francis Bacon

"If you cannot write well, you cannot think well, and if you cannot think well, others will do your thinking for you."
--George Orwell

A strong command of the language arts (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) is vital for being a successful student and ultimately a productive member of the 21st century workforce. Language skills have always been fundamental for academic and professional success. However, students in the 21st century are now facing more complex challenges in an ever-changing global society. These challenges have created the need for rigorous state standards in reading, writing, speaking, and listening. (To read more click [here](#).)

Reading, Writing, and Communicating Standards:

- [Preschool - High School PDF Version](#)
- [Preschool - High School Microsoft Word Version](#)
- [Online sortable standards by content, grade level and PGC](#)

Understanding the Colorado Academic Standards in Reading, Writing, and Communicating:

- [Overview of Changes](#)
- [Prepared Graduate Competencies \(PGC\)](#)
- [Organizational Topics in Reading, Writing, and Communicating](#)
- [21st Century Skills in Reading, Writing, and Communicating](#)
- [Grade Level Expectations in Reading, Writing, and Communicating](#)

Grade level specific Reading, Writing, and Communicating standards:

- [12th Grade \(Word or PDF\)](#)
- [11th Grade \(Word or PDF\)](#)

Curriculum Design Tools:

- [Vertical Progressions](#)
- [Content Connections \(Kindergarten - 5th Grade\)](#)
- [Colorado's District Sample Curriculum Project](#)

What about just looking at the LITERACY standards for your discipline?

1. Simply search “Common Core Literacy Standards.”

The screenshot shows the website www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/. The page title is "English Language Arts Standards". Below the title are links to "DOWNLOAD THE STANDARDS" and "PRINT THIS PAGE". A paragraph states: "The Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects ('the standards') represent the next generation of K-12 standards designed to prepare all students for success in college, career, and life by the time they graduate from high school."

The right-hand navigation menu lists the following items:

- Kindergarten-Grade 12
 - Introduction
 - Anchor Standards
 - Reading: Literature
 - Reading: Informational Text
 - Reading: Foundational Skills
 - Writing
 - Speaking & Listening
 - Language
 - Standard 10: Range, Quality, & Complexity
- Grades 6-12 Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects**
- History/Social Studies
 - Science & Technical Subjects
 - Writing
- ELA Appendices

A red circle is drawn around the "Grades 6-12 Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects" link in the navigation menu.

2. Select your discipline and grade level.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying www.corestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/. The page content on the left includes a paragraph about the Common Core standards and a sidebar navigation menu on the right. The sidebar menu is circled in red and contains the following items:

- Reading: Foundational Skills
- Writing
- Speaking & Listening
- Language
- Standard 10: Range, Quality, & Complexity
- Grades 6-12 Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, & Technical Subjects
- History/Social Studies
- Science & Technical Subjects
- Introduction
- Grade 6-8
- Grade 9-10
- Grade 11-12
- Writing
- ELA Appendices
- English Language Arts Appendix A
- English Language Arts Appendix B
- English Language Arts Appendix C

The main content area on the left contains the following text:

The Common Core asks students to read stories and literature, as well as more complex texts that provide facts and background knowledge in areas such as science and social studies. Students will be challenged and asked questions that push them to refer back to what they've read. This stresses critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills that are required for success in college, career, and life.

The standards establish guidelines for English language arts (ELA) as well as for literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects. Because students must learn to read, write, speak, listen, and use language effectively in a variety of content areas, the standards promote the literacy skills and concepts required for college and career readiness in multiple disciplines.

The College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards form the backbone of the ELA/literacy standards by articulating core knowledge and skills, while grade-specific

3. Ta-da!

English Language Arts Standards » Science & Technical Subjects » Grade 9-10

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Standards in this strand:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.1	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.2	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.3
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.4	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.5	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.6
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.7	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.8	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.9
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.10		

Key Ideas and Details:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.1
Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of science and technical texts, attending to the precise details of explanations or descriptions.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.2
Determine the central ideas or conclusions of a text; trace the text's explanation or depiction of a complex process, phenomenon, or concept; provide an accurate summary of the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.3
Follow precisely a complex multistep procedure when carrying out experiments, taking measurements, or performing technical tasks, attending to special cases or exceptions defined in the text.

Craft and Structure:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RST.9-10.4
Determine the meaning of symbols, key terms, and other domain-specific words and

Kindergarten-Grade 12

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- Science & Technical Subjects**
 - Introduction
 - Grade 6-8
 - **Grade 9-10**
 - Grade 11-12
- Writing

ELA Appendices

- English Language Arts Appendix A
- English Language Arts Appendix B
- English Language Arts Appendix C

Other resources:

- LHS Teacher Wiki
- F: drive